

## CLAIMS OF THE INVENTION

### I CLAIM:

1. A gaming system comprising:
  - at least one gaming machine in a first territory;
  - a game server located in a second territory remote from said first territory, said game server configured to transmit game data to said at least one game server and accept game data from said at least one gaming machine;
  - a first transmitter/receiver located in said first territory;
  - at least one first communication link between said first transmitter/receiver and said at least one gaming machine;
  - a second transmitter/receiver located in said second territory;
  - at least one second communication link between said second transmitter/receiver and said gaming server; and
  - at least one communication link between said first transmitter/receiver and said second transmitter/receiver, said communication link comprising a satellite communication link via one or more space-borne satellites, whereby game data is exchanged between said game server and said at least one gaming machine via said communication link without using communication equipment in any other territory other than first and second territory or said one or more space-borne satellites.
2. The gaming system in accordance with Claim 1 wherein a plurality of first gaming machines are associated with a first network in said first territory and said first transmitter/receiver is in communication with said first network.

3. The gaming system in accordance with Claim 2 including a plurality of second gaming machines associated with a second network in said second territory and wherein said second transmitter/receiver is in communication with said second network.

4. The gaming system in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said first territory comprises a first sovereign Indian land and said second territory comprises a second sovereign Indian land.

5. The gaming system in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said first territory comprises a first U.S. State and said second territory comprises a second U.S. State.

6. The gaming system in accordance with Claim 5 wherein at least one third U.S. State is located between said first and second U.S. States.